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"SECRETARY-GENERAL TO VISIT SAHELIAN AND OTHER WEST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES

AT THE INVITATION OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS,
SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WILL VISIT WEST AFRICA DURING
THE SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL FIRST VISIT THE DROUGHT-
STRICKEN SAHELIAN ZONE, WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTS
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OF THE DROUGHT. IN VIEW OF THE ACTIVE ROLE BEING PLAYED IN

DROUGHT RELIEF OPERATIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND VARIOUS RELATED AGENCIES, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE DETERIORATING SITUATION. IN OUAGADOUGOU, UPPER VOLTA, HE WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL TO REVIEW FURTHER EMERGENCY NEEDS AND MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PLANS.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL THEN VISIT A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN WEST AFRICA IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

DETAILS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ITINERARY, INCLUDING THE EXACT DATES AND COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED AS WELL AS THE COMPOSITION OF HIS PARTY, WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER."
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